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PETITION FOR SUSPENSION OF PROSECUTION UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.103

1. Applicant petitions for the suspension of action in this application.

2. Status of application: No outstanding actions exist in this application.

3. Fee Payment (37 C.F.R. § 1.17(g)-\$200.00)

Authorization is hereby made to charge the amount of \$200.00 to Deposit Account No. 12-1155. Charge any additional fees required by this paper or credit any overpayment in the manner authorized above.

4. Term requested for suspension. The suspension of action is requested for a time period of six (6) months.

5. Reason for suspension request:

The suspension of action is requested for good and sufficient cause, as follows:

As noted in the Supplemental Information Disclosure Statement (IDS) filed October 31, 2007, the subject application and several other patents/co-pending applications are the subject of an arbitration proceeding at the London Court of International Arbitration (Unilever U.K. Central Resources, Ltd. et al. v. IRC, Israel Resource Corporation et al.). Entitlement to the patents/applications are among the matters that are the subject of the arbitration. A hearing was held in the arbitration in March, 2008 and a decision is awaited.

In addition to the subject application, included in the arbitration are US 6,793,914 and US Serial No. 10/895,179. US 6,793,914 and US Serial No. 10/895,179 are among the patent documents over which, in a Non-Final Action dated February 4, 2008, non-statutory obviousness-type double patenting rejections

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have been applied against the instant application. That Action was responded to in an Amendment filed on even date of this Petition. The Amendment requests reconsideration of the non-statutory obviousness type double patenting rejections and provides arguments in support of such request. The Amendment having been filed, there are no outstanding Actions in the subject application.

In view of the arbitration, Applicants are requesting a suspension of prosecution in the instant application for a period of six months. Applicants anticipate a decision having been rendered in the arbitration by such time.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees, which may be required by this Petition to our deposit account No. 12-1155.

Respectfully submitted,

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